



October 21, 2020

Frederick County Sustainability Commission
Meeting Minutes



The meeting was held via WebEx.

Per current practice, the meeting is also streamed live on Facebook at Frederick County Sustainability Commission and made available via phone (**1-855-925-2801, Code 9813**) for listening.

Present: Chair; Elizabeth Law, Faith Klareich; Vice-Chair; Mark Sankey; Secretary; Kevin Sellner, Ron Kaltenbaugh (PT), Jennifer Bird (PT)

Frederick County Council Liaison: Kai Hagen (PT)

OSER staff: Dawn Ashbacher

Guests/Public: Richard Jeffries. Connected with Healthy Soils. Joined via WebEx.

Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by Betty Law and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

Mark Sankey asked for any discussion on the September 26 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved by the Commissioners unanimously without comment.

Presentation – International WELL Building Institute (IWBI)

Discussion of WELL strategies for healthy building, COVID-19 mitigation, and community resources.

- Jason Hartke (resides Poolesville, MD) – Executive Vice President of Advocacy and Policy at the IWBI. He leads policy efforts to better address health and well-being in buildings and communities. Prior experience includes President of the Alliance to Save Energy, leading U.S. DOE's efforts to advance energy efficiency in commercial buildings, and senior executive position with the U.S. Green Building Council.
 - Purpose of IWBI – Advocacy and policy input for WELL building design
 - IWBI began as part of second wave in better building design with focus on promoting health of people and the planet
 - Research based – Health findings applied to building infrastructure
 - Intention for applicants to gain levels of certification as a WELL Building

- Angela Spangler – Adds expertise in human factors and is a professional ergonomist. She is sector lead for Education including K-12 and Higher Education, Healthcare and Government. She supports the global growth of IWBI.
 - Strategies to achieve healthier design standards – Work to extend these to neighborhoods and communities
 - Addresses various building types and infrastructure
 - IWBI standards overlap with energy and related standards
 - Health safety ratings will impact building stakeholders
 - Community standards can include food access, assembly facilities, etc.
- Questions and discussion
 - Ron K. asked about lighting and thermal comfort. These issues are addressed. Angela noted that blue light is less healthy than others as an example.
 - Faith K. asked about mixed use buildings and retrofits. WBI has WELL core standards and different levels of certification which can be applied in any type of new or existing structures.
 - Angela noted all IWBI details can be seen at www.wellcertified.com.
- Entire presentation is available at link, (this works best if cut and pasted into a search bar).
<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/Archive.aspx?AMID=127>

Presentation – Healthy Soils Frederick, et al

- Barb Trader, Healthy Soils Frederick, Outgoing Facilitator
 - Shared background and involvement with regenerative agriculture and overall integration of issues with soils
 - Main concern is need for coordination of efforts related to stream restoration and buffer improvements. This is needed at the county level between government, NGO, and business entities to avoid inefficiencies and conflicting purposes.
 - Interaction with Monocacy tributary strategy team
- Rob Schnabel, Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Restoration Scientist.
 - Active in mentorship program with various environmental improvements
 - Rob explained conflicts. Example of plans to remove trees which had been planted as part of restoration efforts.
 - Coordination needed to avoid compromising stream buffer improvements executed at tax payer expense.

- Brent Cammauf, Frederick County Service Center, Regional Conservationist.
 - Brent serves Frederick and Washington County
 - He has broad and far-reaching involvement partnering with NGOs
 - He has addressed nutrient management, manure handling, grazing, etc.
 - Reiterated need for oversight of regional restoration efforts with other activities such as widening of 270.
- Greg Wilson, Healthy Soils Frederick, Incoming Facilitator. Introduced as new contact with Healthy Soils group. He replaces Barb T.
- Commission requested Barb T. to assist with development of a brief on the issues and concerns for submittal to the County Executive.

OSER Update – Dawn Ashbacher

- It was suggested that the Sustainability Commission be the conduit for communication between OSER and the CEMWG.
 - This was discussed in detail regarding process and activity.
 - It was noted that FCSC has members directly involved with CEMWG. They can serve as means of updates.

Commissioner Interest/Update on South Frederick Corridor Plan (SFCP)

- Faith K, advised progress on SFCP. Group has begun analysis of specific geographic areas. Includes initializing better renderings for parcels.
- Betty L. continues work with Ft. Detrick staff and City to find alternate road route avoiding Superfund site .
- Kevin S. CEMWG work continues with major effort. Website is mobilizfredrick.org. Advised of meeting with MWCOG on Oct. 22 which is open to public.
- Faith K. advised that other sustainability forums are available.

Public Comment

At this time public comment will be accepted by the Sustainability Commission. Please call toll-free 855-925-2801, enter code 9813, hit * for options, and 2 to leave a voicemail message to be played back during the meeting or 3 to enter into a queue for live public comment (2 minutes per person). You must state your name and address at the beginning of your call.

No public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm. .